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Subject: PEDIARIX[®] Vaccine

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has made a global manufacturing decision to discontinue the production of PEDIARIX ([DTaP-HepB-IPV](#)) vaccine **vials**. This manufacturing change is related to PEDIARIX only.

The production of PEDIARIX syringes will continue. As of today, PEDIARIX comes in "Package of 5 Single-Dose Prefilled Disposable TIP-LOK Syringes." KVP has been informed that very soon GSK will be transferring all packages of five syringes over to packages of 10 syringes.

To order PEDIARIX syringes, please continue to use the current KVP Vaccines Orders and Eligibility Worksheet, circle syringes; and order in packages of 10 syringes.

For orders placed with KVP from March 9, 2010 or later, PEDIARIX syringes (packages of 10 syringes) will be substituted for any orders for PEDIARIX vials. Any orders that are already in the system will be monitored for shipment. If any orders get cancelled because PEDIARIX vials are no longer available, KVP will replace the order with PEDIARIX syringes (packages of 10 syringes). Please make sure to have enough storage room in your refrigerator for proper storage of these packages of 10 syringes.

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